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The Daily Courant.

Thursday, December 21 1704.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Dec. 20.

Madrid, December 5.

FROM the 20th of last Month to the 23d, the Besiegers of Gibraltar continued to batter the Walls and Works of that Place, to enlarge the Breaches; and in the mean time the Marquis de Villadarias caus'd all necessary Preparations to be made for giving a general Assault. The 24th in the Morning, 12 of the Enemies Shallops appear'd arm'd, having Foot Soldiers in them, which landed at las Algeiras near the Head-Quarters. Don Luis de Solis Quarter-Master General, and the Marquis de Paterna a Lieutenant Colonel, immediately drawing together the Cavalry that was nearest at Hand, charg'd the Enemy so vigorously, that they oblig'd them to re-embark themselves with Precipitation and with great Loss; on which Occasion only 2 of our Troopers were wounded. The 25th the Batteries continued to fire, and a Trench was carried on about 50 Fathom, for the greater Security of the Attacks. The 26th the same Work was continued, and all proper Dispositions were made for the general Assault. They write from Cadiz, that the Squadron commanded by the Baron de Pointis being reinforc'd by 4 Gallions, would be ready to sail from thence the 27th of last Month.

From the Harl & Amst. Courants, dated Dec. 23.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22. The Ship *Arentsberg*, Captain *Barent Nederhof* Commander, is arriv'd here. The Captain reports, that in his Voyage from Genoa he put into the Bay of Gibraltar the 25th of November, and lay there till the 3d of this Month; that the Fire of the Besiegers upon Gibraltar, and the Fire from the Place upon them, was very great while he lay in the Bay, and that the Enemy's Bombs had ruin'd several Houses in the Town; that Sir John Lake has under his Command 18 English, and five Dutch Men of War, together with two Bomb-Vessels, besides Tenders; that all the Enemy's small Vessels and Boats, (with which they had design'd to transport Men to the New Mole to attack the Town on that side,) were secur'd in a little River when Sir John Lake came into the Bay, the Mouth of which River is defended by a Battery of several Pieces of Cannon; that there were 1200 Men left of the Garrison, in a Condition of doing Service, when he came away, and that they were reinforc'd by several hundred Seamen, who were reliev'd frequently by a like Number sent from on board; that in case the Enemy should make ready to Storm the Place, it was agreed the Besieged should give a certain Signal, and thereupon the Ships are to send all their Boats ashore with a certain Number of Men to their assistance; that by that Method the Enemy have been already repuls'd in an Attack they made upon some Works the 30th of November, and had 300 of their Men kill'd or wounded, and near 100 taken Prisoners. The Captain adds, that Sir John Lake was well inform'd the Enemy had 18 Sail of Ships in a readiness to sail from Cadiz, and therefore had sent out Scouts that he might have timely Intelligence of their approach, and be ready to receive them; that 2 French Ships of 18 and 20 Guns, homeward bound from Newfoundland, were taken and brought into the Bay of Gibraltar; and lastly, that the 5th or 6th instant he saw off Cape St. Vincent 6 Ships standing towards the Streights, which Ships he took to be English Men of War.

From the Paris Letter, dated Dec. 18.

Paris, Dec. 18. By an Extraordinary Courier, we have receiv'd Letters from Gibraltar of the 30th of November, and of the 5th of this Month, which confirm that all was ready for the general Assault, and that the Marquis de Villadarias waited only for the Arrival of the Baron de Pointis with his Squadron; so that it may be expected there will be a Naval Fight at the same Time the Place is storm'd by Land.

From the Paris Letter, dated Dec. 22.

Paris, Dec. 22. They write from Toulon, that 20 Ships of War are fitting out there with all Expedition, to go and joyn the Baron de Pointis, if need be, to fight the Enemy's Squadron in the Bay of Gibraltar. We have no News concerning that Siege, nor that of Verue.

From the Amsterdam Gaz. and Cour. dated Dec. 23.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23. By the Advices we have receiv'd from France and other Parts touching the Siege of Verue, it appears, not only that the Duke of Vendome was in no Condition the 5th to win the Wager he had laid to take that place by the 6th of this Month, but that the Issue of the Siege is very doubtful; as well by Reason of the advanc'd Season, (the bad Weather retarding the Works extremely,) as because the Besiegers cannot ruine the Bridge of Communication between Verue and Crescentino, by means of which the Garrison of Verue is furnish'd with fresh Provisions and reliev'd every 3 days. Some Advices assure us, the French but more the Spanish Troops employ'd against Verue, began to murmur (finding the Siege had lasted 50 days the 4th of December, and that they had then no Prospect when it would end,) that they were put upon unreasonable Service, and that the great Fatigues they had undergone this Campaign were insupportable. There are also Advices, that the Ground being rotted by the Rains, the Roads are so bad, that if the French are at last oblig'd to rise from before Verue, they will find it next to impossible to draw off their Cannon. Letters from the Duke of Vendome's Camp dated Dec. 5. lay, that the 27th of November, a Bomb from the Town fell among their Barrels of Powder, and blew up above 3000 weight of it, with 100 Men; that the 1st of December, the Po swelling very high, the Bridge of Communication between Crescentino and Verue was broken by the Force of the Current, whereupon some Boats were sent from Turin to repair it; the Duke of Vendome sent out a Detachment to intercept those Boats, but to no purpose, and the Bridge was perfectly repair'd by the 3d or 4th.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Dec. 20.

Paris, Dec. 20. They write from the Camp before Verue the 9th instant, that the Night between the 5th and 6th a Lodgment was made on the Right upon the Saillant Angle of the Covert-way: And that the Night between the 8th and 9th the Grenadiers drawn out for the purpose, got into the Covert-way on the Right and Left, so expeditiously, that those who defended it not having time to retire, were almost all put to the Sword, and the Sieur de Blagnac, Colonel of the Regiment of Saluces was wounded in the Action and taken Prisoner. After which our Men lodg'd themselves on the Covert-way, and Men are since set to work to raise Batteries there, and to make the Descent into the Ditch. In this Action, which lasted 3 Hours, but 12 of our Soldiers were kill'd, and 5 Officers and 65 Soldiers were wounded.

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From the Leiden Gazette, dated Dec. 25.

Paris, Dec. 19. The Court having been some Time at Marly, receiv'd an Express there the 16th Instant from the Duke of Vendome, with Advice that the 8th he caus'd a Mine to be sprung with Success, on the Right of the Covert-Way of the Fort that covers Verue: The next Night he caus'd that Part of the Covert-Way to be attack'd by the Company of Grenadiers of the Regiment of Lombardy, while 2 other Companies of Grenadiers advanc'd towards the Angle of the Centre, and 2 more towards the Angle of the Left: The first of those Companies having entered the Covert-Way by the Breach the Mine we mention'd made, the Besieged sprung a Fougade they had under that Breach, which threw the Captain into the Ditch where he was wounded and taken; but the Company recovering themselves from the Fright into which the springing of that Fougade put them, march'd up to the Place of Arms and immediately beat the Enemy out of it, rescued their Captain and took one of the Enemy's Captains Prisoner: The besieged sprung several more Fougades, which carried off great part of this Company of Grenadiers, and retiring to the Left made so great a Fire upon the remaining part of them, that they made them retire into the Trenches. But the Marquis de las Torres, whose day of Command it was, leading up 2 other Companies through the Breach, at length beat off the Enemy; and having made a Lodgment, which communicated with the Angle of the Centre, the whole Covert-Way was soon quit to our Men by the Enemy. The 9th, being the day the Duke of Vendome dispatch'd this Express, the Workmen were employ'd in perfecting the Mines under the Ditch, and in raising a Battery of 12 heavy Cannon on the Covert-Way, to make a Breach in the Fort call'd the Donjon. Mean time a great Number of our Men perish daily in this Siege, and in the 2 Nights before the Express came away 20 Officers and 60 Soldiers were kill'd, besides what were wounded: Among the latter was Monsieur de Maulevrier, and the Son of the Marquis de Chartogne who had his Leg shot off by a Cannon-Ball from the Fort. We learn by the same Express, that the Duke of Vendome has been oblig'd to send Part of his Cavalry to reinforce the Grand Prior of France and enable him the better to make Head against the Imperialists commanded by the Count of Leiningen. The King has given a yearly Pension of 36000 Livres to Monsieur de Laubanie; and Monsieur Gendron a very expert Oculist, is gone to him to Strasburg, to see whether he can cure him of his Blindness. The pretended Prince of Wales continues indispos'd, and 'tis the Opinion of Physicians he is in an incurable Consumption.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Dec. 23.

Venice, Dec. 12. They write from Mantua, that it was strongly reported there, that the Marshal de Carnat will come to command in Piemont; and that the Duke of Vendome, being much afflicted with the Stone, will return to Paris.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Dec. 26.

Hague, Dec. 24. The 22d instant, the Baron de Seyboldt, dispatch'd by the Hereditary Prince of Hesse Cassel, arriv'd here, with a Letter from that Prince to their High Mightinesses, giving an Account that Traerbach had capitulated the 18th. [Which Letter shall be inserted in tomorrow's Courant.] He likewise brought another Letter on the same Subject from the Baron d'Almeida; [which tho' but short, sufficiently relates the Fact; being as follows.

High and Mighty Lords!

OUR Men having thrown up a Line last Night along the Ditch, in order to raise a Battery there for making a Breach in the Wall, which lay open to the View from top to bottom, the Garrison of Traerbach beat a Parley this Afternoon between 3 and 4 a Clock; Whereupon, Hostages being given on both sides, the Garrison have sent out the Capitulation they demand; containing among other things, that they shall be allow'd to march out with all Marks of Honour, which is granted them; as also that they shall carry out with them 2 Iron Guns, and 2 cover'd Waggon, with their Baggage, and be conducted in 6 days to Thionville by the nearest way. The Garrison is to march out the 20th. I most heartily con-

gratulate your High Mightinesses, on this happy and glorious Success, and on the Successes of the whole Campaign, &c. Sign'd, De Rechteren.

From the Head Quarters at Enkirchen, before Traerbach, Dec. 18. 1704.

They write from Cologne, Dec. 21. That the Garrison of Traerbach consisted of 500 Men when the Siege began, but were diminish'd to 200 when they capitulated. And that Monsieur de Baar, the Governour, died of his Wounds the 8th day after the Trenches were open'd.

London, December 21.

The Accounts from Paris of the Ships their Privateers have taken of our West-India Fleet, are as follows.

The Paris Letter of the 18th of December runs thus; Letters from St. Maloes of the 14th advise, that the Privateers of that Town, had met the Enemies homeward bound Fleet from Barbadoes, of which they had taken and brought 9 Ships into the Port of St. Maloes, and 3 into Morlaix.

The Paris Gazette of the 20th of December, mentions but 5 of our West-India Ships in all to be brought into any Ports of France.

The last Paris Letter dated December 22. has this Paragraph. "We have receiv'd Advice, that our Privateers, besides 14 Barbadoes Ships which they have taken and brought into St. Maloes, Brest, and Morlaix, have taken 15 more Ships of the same Fleet, and have carried them into the Groyne. A Ship from Curacao, after she was taken by some of our Privateers near Ushant, blew up; and one of our Men of War has sunk a large English Ship: Not a Soul on board either of those Ships was sav'd.

At the Desire of several Persons of Quality.

At the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Thursday being the 21st of December, will be presented the last new Comedy call'd, The Careless Husband. With some Italian Sonatas on the Violin by Signior Gasparini. And several Entertainments of Dancing by Mrs. du Ruel. Being the last time of Acting till after Christmas-day.

This Play is Sold by Richard Wellington at the Dolphin and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard. Where you may have most Novels.

Coffee, Tea and Chocolate, by Wholesale or Retail, at the King's Arms next the King's Arms Tavern on Ludgate-hill near the Bridge. Note, You may have the best Chocolate all Nut at 3 s. a pound, and with Sugar 2 s. a pound. And very good Bohee Tea at 12 s. a pound.

A little white smooth Bitch, with one black Ear, and one black Spot on her Rump; Was lost on Monday last out of the Old-Baily; Whoever brings her to the Sign of the Indian Queen in the Old Baily, shall be well rewarded for their Pains.

There are lately publish'd,

Proposals for a Pair of New Globes of 30 Inches Diameter (the largest ever yet made for publick Sale) with all the newest and best Improvements both in Astronomy and Geography that can be had from Books or Masters, more particularly from the exact Observation of Hevelius, Cassini, and Capt. Halley Savilian Professor of Geometry in Oxford. The Price to Subscribers is 20 Guineas, of which 5 to be paid down at first, the rest upon delivery; they will not be sold to any others under 25 Guineas. The Proposals at large with a fair Specimen of one Gutter of each Globe may be had at the Undertakers Daniel Midwinter Bookseller at the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and John Rowley Mathematical Instrument-maker under St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street.

This day at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon exactly, will continue the Sale by Auction at the Three Tun Tavern near Grays-Inn-Gate in Holborn, of a Collection of choice and valuable Books in Divinity, History, Physick, Mathematicks, &c. in English. Beginning at Page 10. No. 1. English Folios.

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